Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2012

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 13, 2012, there were 541,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2012, an increase of 800 from September 2012 and 12,500 more than the number employed in October 2011.

Agricultural employment was 43,700 persons in October 2012, down 900 from the September 2012 level but 3,800 more than the October 2011 agricultural employment level of 39,900. Non-agricultural employment was 497,900 persons in October 2012. This is an increase of 1,700 from the September 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 496,200 and 8,700 more than October 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2012 was 4.0 percent. This is unchanged from the September 2012 rate but 0.3 percentage points higher than the October 2011 level of 3.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,100 to 564,500 persons in October 2012 from 563,400 persons in September 2012. This is 14,900 more than the October 2011 labour force of 549,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.3 percent in October 2012 from 69.2 percent in September 2012. The October 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.5 percent.

There were 22,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2012. This is an increase of 200 from September 2012 and is 2,400 more than the number unemployed in October 2011.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 540,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2012, up 2,300 from the September 2012 level of 538,400 and is up 12,200 from the October 2011 employment level of 528,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2012 was 4.7 percent. This is unchanged from the September 2012 rate but 0.5 percentage points higher than the October 2011 rate of 0.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 17,300 persons in October 2012 to 17,627,600 persons from 17,644,900 persons in September 2012. In October 2011, there were 17,402,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate for October 2012 was 6.7 percent, unchanged from the September 2012 level. In October 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was also 6.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.4 percent in October 2012. This is unchanged from September 2012. The October 2011 level was also 7.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,895.5	18,915.9	18,655.4	-20.4	240.1
Employed ('000)	17,627.6	17,644.9	17,402.3	-17.3	225.3
Full-Time ('000)	14,312.5	14,405.4	14,052.8	-92.9	259.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,315.1	3,239.5	3,349.4	75.6	-34.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,267.9	1,271.0	1,253.1	-3.1	14.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.6	66.4	-0.1	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	564.5	563.4	549.6	1.1	14.9
Employed ('000)	541.6	540.8	529.1	0.8	12.5
Full-Time ('000)	452.8	453.3	436.7	-0.5	16.1
Part-Time ('000)	88.9	87.5	92.4	1.4	-3.5
Unemployed ('000)	22.8	22.6	20.4	0.2	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.0	3.7	0.0	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	4.7	4.2	0.0	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.2	68.5	0.1	0.8
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,253.2	2,254.8	2,229.6	-1.6	23.6
Employed ('000)	2,161.0	2,158.9	2,122.3	2.1	38.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,807.7	1,823.0	1,760.8	-15.3	46.9
Part-Time ('000)	353.3	335.9	361.5	17.4	-8.2
Unemployed ('000)	92.2	95.9	107.3	-3.7	-15.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.3	4.8	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.4	5.1	0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	72.8	73.0	73.8	-0.2	-1.0
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	663.3	669.3	659.3	-6.0	4.0
Employed ('000)	630.4	637.4	628.9	-7.0	1.5
Full-Time ('000)	510.2	515.9	497.3	-5.7	12.9
Part-Time ('000)	120.3	121.5	131.6	-1.2	-11.3
Unemployed ('000)	32.9	31.9	30.4	1.0	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.8	4.6	0.2	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.0	5.2	0.6	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	69.4	68.9	-0.7	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	564.5	563.4	549.6	1.1	14.9
Male	306.8	305.4	296.5	1.4	10.3
Female	257.7	258.0	253.1	-0.3	4.6
15-24 Years of Age	89.6	90.4	89.5	-0.8	0.1
25+ Years of age	474.8	473.0	460.0	1.8	14.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	541.6	540.8	529.1	0.8	12.5
Male	294.5	294.8	287.8	-0.3	6.7
Female	247.1	246.1	241.3	1.0	5.8
15-24 Years of Age	81.1	80.8	82.4	0.3	-1.3
25+ Years of age	460.5	460.0	446.7	0.5	13.8
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	22.8	22.6	20.4	0.2	2.4
Male	12.3	10.7	8.7	1.6	3.6
Female	10.6	11.9	11.7	-1.3	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.5	9.6	7.1	-1.1	1.4
25+ Years of age	14.3	13.0	13.3	1.3	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.0	4.0	3.7	0.0	0.3
Male	4.0	3.5	2.9	0.5	1.1
Female	4.1	4.6	4.6	-0.5	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	9.5	10.6	7.9	-1.1	1.6
25+ Years of age	3.0	2.7	2.9	0.3	0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.3	69.2	68.5	0.1	0.8
Male	75.7	75.5	74.5	0.2	1.2
Female	62.9	63.0	62.5	-0.1	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	65.6	66.2	65.6	-0.6	0.0
25+ Years of age	70.0	69.8	69.0	0.2	1.0

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	43.7	44.6	39.9	-0.9	3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.6	25.9	24.8	-0.3	0.8
Utilities	5.8	5.9	5.1	-0.1	0.7
Construction	47.3	48.1	41.7	-0.8	5.6
Manufacturing	27.3	26.0	26.0	1.3	1.3
Trade	82.8	81.6	85.6	1.2	-2.8
Transportation and Warehousing	25.6	24.2	26.0	1.4	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.2	30.8	30.3	-0.6	-0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.1	25.5	27.5	-0.4	-2.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.8	12.9	11.4	0.9	2.4
Educational Services	43.4	43.2	39.1	0.2	4.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	70.0	69.5	69.5	0.5	0.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.2	18.6	18.0	-1.4	-0.8
Accommodation and Food Services	27.8	26.6	29.5	1.2	-1.7
Other Services	25.2	26.1	25.8	-0.9	-0.6
Public Administration	30.8	31.3	29.0	-0.5	1.8
Total	541.6	540.8	529.1	0.8	12.5
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	452.8	453.3	436.7	-0.5	16.1
Part-Time	88.9	87.5	92.4	1.4	-3.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	435.6	440.3	430.4	-4.7	5.2
Public Sector	139.2	137.9	133.8	1.3	5.4
Private Sector	296.4	302.4	296.7	-6.0	-0.3
Self-Employed	106.1	100.5	98.7	5.6	7.4

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,627.6	17,644.9	17,402.3	-17.3	225.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.1	235.2	225.6	-1.1	8.5
Prince Edward Island	74.1	74.7	73.3	-0.6	0.8
Nova Scotia	460.0	462.1	452.8	-2.1	7.2
New Brunswick	352.0	354.0	357.0	-2.0	-5.0
Quebec	4,044.3	4,049.0	3,973.3	-4.7	71.0
Ontario	6,804.1	6,794.5	6,741.9	9.6	62.2
Manitoba	630.4	637.4	628.9	-7.0	1.5
Saskatchewan	541.6	540.8	529.1	0.8	12.5
Alberta	2,161.0	2,158.9	2,122.3	2.1	38.7
British Columbia	2,326.0	2,338.2	2,298.1	-12.2	27.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.6	10.6	11.7	0.0	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	10.0	9.2	9.4	0.8	0.6
Nova Scotia	8.5	7.8	7.9	0.7	0.6
New Brunswick	9.9	9.6	8.1	0.3	1.8
Quebec	6.9	6.9	7.1	0.0	-0.2
Ontario	7.5	7.4	7.4	0.1	0.1
Manitoba	5.0	4.8	4.6	0.2	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.0	4.0	3.7	0.0	0.3
Alberta	4.1	4.3	4.8	-0.2	-0.7
British Columbia	6.0	6.5	6.1	-0.5	-0.1

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,567.5	17,565.7	17,338.5	1.8	229.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.5	228.7	224.5	3.8	8.0
Prince Edward Island	72.4	72.0	71.9	0.4	0.5
Nova Scotia	457.4	458.6	449.8	-1.2	7.6
New Brunswick	349.4	350.0	353.3	-0.6	-3.9
Quebec	4,020.0	3,999.9	3,952.7	20.1	67.3
Ontario	6,788.9	6,798.8	6,719.3	-9.9	69.6
Manitoba	627.7	635.0	626.0	-7.3	1.7
Saskatchewan	540.7	538.4	528.5	2.3	12.2
Alberta	2,161.0	2,156.0	2,124.5	5.0	36.5
British Columbia	2,317.4	2,328.3	2,287.9	-10.9	29.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.4	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.9	12.3	13.0	-0.4	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	11.7	11.2	11.2	0.5	0.5
Nova Scotia	9.2	8.6	8.5	0.6	0.7
New Brunswick	11.6	11.0	9.4	0.6	2.2
Quebec	7.7	8.0	7.7	-0.3	0.0
Ontario	8.3	7.9	8.1	0.4	0.2
Manitoba	5.6	5.0	5.2	0.6	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.7	4.7	4.2	0.0	0.5
Alberta	4.5	4.4	5.1	0.1	-0.6
British Columbia	6.7	7.0	6.6	-0.3	0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.9	7.4	7.2	-0.5	-0.3
Halifax	5.4	5.9	5.8	-0.5	-0.4
Saint John	8.8	9.6	6.1	-0.8	2.7
Quebec	4.9	5.2	4.2	-0.3	0.7
Montreal	8.0	7.9	8.0	0.1	0.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.6	6.9	6.2	-0.3	0.4
Greater Sudbury	6.7	7.5	6.1	-0.8	0.6
Toronto	8.8	9.3	8.5	-0.5	0.3
Winnipeg	5.7	6.0	6.1	-0.3	-0.4
Regina	4.1	4.7	3.9	-0.6	0.2
Saskatoon	4.9	5.8	5.3	-0.9	-0.4
Calgary	4.8	5.1	5.8	-0.3	-1.0
Edmonton	4.3	4.6	5.6	-0.3	-1.3
Vancouver	7.0	7.2	6.8	-0.2	0.2
Victoria	5.7	6.0	6.1	-0.3	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	172.6	171.8	170.8	0.8	1.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.6	49.6	49.6	0.0	0.0
Saskatoon-Biggar	184.1	184.8	172.8	-0.7	11.3
Yorkton-Melville	38.1	36.9	40.7	1.2	-2.6
Prince Albert & Northern	99.6	101.1	95.5	-1.5	4.1

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2012	September 2012	October 2011	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	569.0	572.2	552.6	-3.2	16.4
Employed ('000)	543.8	544.2	528.0	-0.4	15.8
Unemployed ('000)	25.2	27.9	24.6	-2.7	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.9	4.4	-0.5	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	70.4	68.9	-0.5	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	67.0	65.8	-0.2	1.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	523.5	526.3	505.8	-2.8	17.7
Employed ('000)	503.8	505.1	487.4	-1.3	16.4
Unemployed ('000)	19.7	21.2	18.4	-1.5	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	4.0	3.6	-0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	71.0	69.1	-0.5	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	67.9	68.1	66.6	-0.2	1.3
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	45.5	45.8	46.8	-0.3	-1.3
Employed ('000)	39.9	39.1	40.6	0.8	-0.7
Unemployed ('000)	5.6	6.7	6.2	-1.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.2	14.6	13.2	-2.4	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	63.7	64.2	66.8	-0.5	-3.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	54.8	57.9	1.1	-2.0
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	18.5	18.6	19.0	-0.1	-0.5
Employed ('000)	15.3	14.7	15.3	0.6	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	4.0	3.7	-0.9	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.9	21.3	19.3	-4.4	-2.4
Participation Rate (%)	59.0	59.6	62.0	-0.6	-3.0
Employment Rate (%)	49.0	46.9	50.0	2.1	-1.0
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Labour Force ('000)	26.8	26.9	27.8	-0.1	-1.0
Employed ('000)	24.4	24.2	25.3	0.2	-0.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.7	2.5	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	10.0	9.1	-1.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.7	70.5	-0.5	-3.3
Employment Rate (%)	61.2	60.9	64.1	0.3	-2.9

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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